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REINFORCEMENTS

REF: (A) TRIPOLI 0596 (NOTAL), (B) NDJAMENA 1554 (NOTAL)

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1. TRIPOLI MEDIA ON APRIL 21-22 MENTIONED FOR FIRST TIME
RENEWED FIGHTING IN CHAD AND THE TRANSPORT OF FRENCH
REINFORCEMENTS TO BOLSTER MALLOUM REGIME.

2. PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS APRIL 21 CONTAINED NO HINT OF
SIZE OR LOCATION OF GOC/FROLINAT CLASHES AND FOCUSED THEIR
COVERAGE ON DEPARTURE OF 300 FRENCH LEGIONAIRES AND THEIR

MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR CHAD. ALGERIAN NEWSPAPER "ASH-SHA'B" WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THIS INTERVENTION WAS DESIGNED TO OVERCOME THE PEACEFUL RECONCILIATION IN CHAD ARRANGED BY SEBHA II ACCORD. RADIO TRIPOLI ALSO REITERATED QADHAFI'S APRIL 17 ASSERTION AT A BANQUET HONORING VISITING GUINEAN PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE THAT LIBYA QUOTE WILL RESIST ALONG WITH NIGER, SUDAN, AND CHAD ANY ATTEMPT OF INTERFERENCE IN THIS PROBLEM (CHAD/FROLINAT) BY IMPERIALISM OR ITS AGENTS UNQUOTE (REFTEL A).

3. APRIL 22 TREATMENT OF CHAD EVENTS AGAIN CONTAINED NO SPECIFIC BULLETINS ON EXTENT OF CHAD FIGHTING. FONSEC TURAYKI'S AFTERNOON MEETING IN PARIS WITH FRENCH FONMIN GUIRINGAUD WAS GIVEN SOME PROMINENCE, AND CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION WAS ALSO ACCORDED TO REPORTING FRENCH EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON THE CHAD SITUATION AND FRANCE'S DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL TROOPS. EVENING NEWS BULLETIN STATED THAT POPULAR MANIFESTATIONS WERE HELD IN PRINCIPAL CHAD CITIES APRIL 22 PROTESTING ARRIVAL OF FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS. BULLETIN ALSO CONTAINED AN ITEM STATING THAT SENEGAL HAD DENIED AIDING OR ABETTING THE FRENCH MILITARY BUILD-UP IN CHAD.
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